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In re
Application of: **Stuart A. Newman, et al.**

Serial No.: **09/849,967** Examiner: **Misook Yu**

Filed: **May 8, 2001** Group: **1642**

For: **SPLICE CHOICE ANTAGONISTS AS THERAPEUTIC AGENTS**

Attorney Docket #: **51230-00601**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2003 having a response due Thursday, April 3, 2003 with a one-month extension of time making the response due Monday, May 5, 2003 because May 3, 2003 falls on a Saturday. See MPEP § 710.05 (8th ed. Rev. 1 2003). Please consider the following amendments and remarks regarding the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

(See the accompanying Marked-Up Version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121).

Please cancel Claims 16-20, 22-28 and 37-42 without prejudice. Please amend the following claims:

1. A method of modifying an activity of at least one alternative splicing regulatory protein within at least one cell, which comprises the steps of:

introducing into the cell a plurality of polynucleotide sequences directed to the